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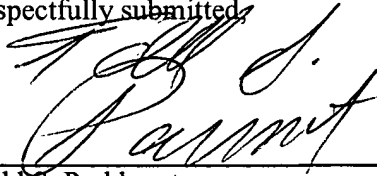
In the June 16, 2005 Office Action, all the claims were rejected as obvious in view of a variety of references. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 is amended to include and combine the subject matter of originally dependent claims 2, 7 and 9. Claim 1 as amended calls for an EPG generator wherein the EPG presentation can be displayed as a three-dimensionally arranged set of three-dimensional surfaces which are textured; a signal filter based on input provided by a user request for the use of a different font type or a different font size; and a visual display of the EPG presentation. The Examiner will note additional limitations in amended claim 1.

The Examiner's previous rejections imply that to reject claim 1 as it is now worded would require the selective application of at least the Connolly, Beer, Matthews and Borsuk references--at least four references, possibly more. We respectfully suggest that the application of such a string of references would constitute the impermissible use of hindsight. The application invention now claimed in claim 1 is expected to provide a programming guide of exceptional utility and commercial attractiveness. Claim 1 is accordingly believed allowable, and early action to that effect is initially solicited.

Claims 2, 7 and 9 have been canceled and their subject matter is incorporated in claim 1. The remaining claims 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 continue to depend, directly or indirectly from claim one, and are thus likewise believed allowable. Claim 10 has been canceled in an effort to advance the prosecution of the application to allowance. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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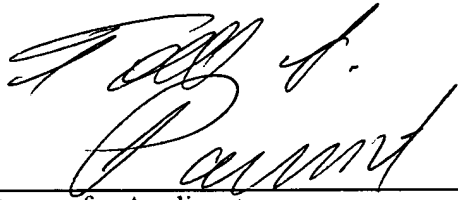
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